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Bid to keep Hardy artefacts in museum

DORSET County Museum is spearheading a campaign to raise £50,000 to ensure typescripts of twelve Thomas Hardy novels, including Tess of the d'Urbervilles, are not exported to a major US university.

The typescripts, which are believed to have belonged to Harry Tilley, a former mayor of Dorchester and who was one of the original Hardy Players, have only recently come on the market for the first time having been in a private collection for the previous 70 years.

They are significant in that the typescripts include handwritten additions by Hardy that give a unique insight into his ideas on how his novels should be adapted for the stage.

Such is their importance that Culture Minister Margaret Hodge has placed a temporary export bar on these manuscripts under the Waverly Culture criteria in the hope that a buyer will come forward to keep them.

She said: "They are so closely connected with the history of one of England's most significant authors and his position in our national heritage and life that their departure would be a misfortune."

The museum has until February 17th to produce evidence that they enough financial support to be able to meet the asking price, which with VAT is £58,750, so that they can be housed alongside the superb array of artefacts already contained within its walls which relate to Thomas Hardy.

The director of Dorset County Museum John Murden confirmed that they had already received significant pri-

by Stuart Broom

vate donations and that he was confident that they could raise the required funding.

He said: "Time is of the essence as we need to show that we are serious about our bid. We have received a lot of support already and there are a number of organisations that have pledged to help."

"The Heritage Memorial Fund and the Victoria and Albert Purchase Fund are willing to help, although we will have to match fund any money they offer to demonstrate local interest in the project."

Exeter University will also donate a sum, believed to be in excess of £3,000 as they believe the typescripts are of region importance with reference to Wessex.

Mr Murden is also in talks with Dorset County Council to see if they would be willing to make a donation.

"It is too early to say if they will and how much they would donate, but negotiations are positive," he added.

The New Hardy Players, which include the only surviving member of the original Hardy Players, Norrie Woodhall, are keen to lend their support and will be holding a "Hardy Evening" in the museum in the next few weeks as one of a number of fund-raising ideas, whilst it is believed that The Hardy Society will also make a donation.

Local author and actor Julian Fellowes has also pledged his help and is meeting Mr Murden in the next few days

to discuss some ideas he has on fund raising.

In addition to the typescripts, which cover the first dramatisations of novels and short stories as used by The Hardy Players between 1908 and 1924, there are numerous programmes, actors parts, advertisement posters and marquettes of scenery.

Three of the programmes are from the original production of Tess of the d'Urbervilles held in Dorchester Corn Exchange, one of which is signed by Hardy and presented to Tilley.

In explaining the significance of the typescripts, Mr Murden also wondered whether the copy of Tess of the d'Urbervilles might include the additional line which Hardy added to Norrie Woodhall's part as Liza-Lu.

The script is believed to be covered with revisions in pen and ink in his own hand.

"These papers give a unique insight into how Hardy adapted his novels for the stage using the knowledge and inspiration acquired working with the local actors who were in turn inspired by his works. The amendments and additions are the result of that relationship."

Mr Murden is confident that they will be able to reach their target but has asked anybody who is interested in donating towards the cost or who has any ideas to contact the museum on (01305) 262735 or by e-mail to secretary@dorsetcountymuseum.org.

"It's early days and there are no guarantees, but we will give it our best shot. Everybody we have spoken to has been positive," he said.



■ NORRIE Woodhall, sole survivor of the original Hardy Players, still performs today

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Death Notice

ELLEN JANE NEALE

Sadly but peacefully on the 9th January 2010 at Axminster Hospital, aged 78 years.
Much loved mother of Chris and Rosemary, mother-in-law to Pat and Kevin, grandmother to Joanna, Martyn, Lee, Michelle, Mark and Adam and great grandmother to Jake and Ella. Also greatly missed by Gavin, Ian, Kayleigh, Beth and Jenny.
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Family flowers only but donations if desired to be shared jointly between Leukaemia Research and the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease, c/o J.F. Clarke & Son, Maryknoll, Lyme Street, Axminster.

AUTHOR and life-coach, Wendy Knee, has lived in Charmouth for three and a half years after frequent holidays to the village.

Originally from Manchester, Wendy left home at 17-years-old and moved around the country as she lived an eventful life before settling in the west country in the mid 1980s.

Wendy has always had a latent desire to write and pursued her passion through local newspapers and company magazines.

Wendy qualified as a life coach six-years-ago and was inspired to publish her first book "Never Die Wondering".

Following its success Wendy set up the Charmouth Literary Festival last year with friend and fellow author Sallyann Sheridan.

WHO inspired you to start writing?

As a child I loved the classics, Thomas Hardy in particular. Other people's lives and the hardships they overcame. More recently I have enjoyed Rose Tremain and Kate Atkinson. Indian writers I love because they write with such a command of the English language for example A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry. I have been to India and this book has everything in it.

WHAT three books would you take to a desert island?

Music and Silence by Rose Tremain to relive the middle years around 1500; Shakespeare – because I love his plays and I think I would have all the time in the world to better understand the detail and his observation of people and a dictionary, including Thesaurus, so that I could truly explore words and their meanings.

WHO are your writing influences?

All the above authors and many more. Locally, Sallyann Sheridan, as she has been really supportive and positive. When we did the Literary Festival last year in Charmouth, meeting other authors inspired me. So many want to write and can write but don't always believe enough in themselves. They are my writing influences. If I can do it, anyone can do it.

WHAT is your favourite winter read?

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. It is true story about an American who went to climb K2 in the mid 1990s and failed. He was taken in by local villagers as he was suffering poor health and he promised to go back and build a school for them high up in Himalayas. He did it against all the odds, no money, no backers, no road, no bridge. He overcame all obstacles.

WHAT book are you currently reading?

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson. It is a brilliant crime book and is the first of a trilogy. I'll definitely read the rest. It follows a family history that it is full of secrets and lies – and of course, a murder.



WHAT is the role of a life coach?

The role of a life coach is to help people get the most out of their lives, that's how I simplify it when people ask me that question.

WHAT advice would you give to people who may be struggling in the recession?

I think the first thing I'd say is stop focusing on the money because we are all obsessed with the financial situation. It really does control peoples lives and I think they're missing the point. I don't want to belittle it in any way but you have to look at the whole picture, you are a

whole person and we never used to be obsessed with the money before and so to be obsessed about the money now I think is weighing people down. It's a bit like the weather at the moment, everybody is listening to the weather and nobody is going to work.

ARE there many crossovers between your writing and life coaching?

Absolutely, because the small books that I'm doing now are really because of the life coaching. I felt that it was a way in for me to produce a book, just writing about my own experiences. I am quite courageous, I have done a lot of things and I am prepared to have a go and not put my life on hold. It's not easy and I do have my moments when I've been a bit scared but I thought I'd write about it and I'd use my experiences to encourage people to not be afraid to get on and do things.

WHAT are your upcoming workshops about?

This particular series are life coaching workshops based on my book "Never die wondering" because as a result of the book people keep asking me if I'm running a workshop. The first one starts on Saturday, February 13th and I'm running two sessions in February and March and then the same in May and June.

WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party?

A friend and I once gave a dinner party in the 1970s, the criteria being that we would only invite people who would entertain, had intellect or were good looking. We spent a whole day cooking and had a great dinner party. I love music and Ella Fitzgerald is a favourite. I would love to know more about her early days and the wonderful jazz people she sang with. Clive James for wit and humour and of course, his brilliant writing and my glamorous friend Lynn Brunton who is naughty and has a great wit that knows no bounds.

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Council cuts-back on salt as cold snap looks set to continue

DORSET County Council will be cutting back on its salt use by 25-per-cent despite sub-zero temperatures set to continue across the county.

The nearest MET office weather stations to Dorchester recorded lowest overnight temperatures last week to be between -3 degrees on the coast and -16 degrees inland.

The sub-zero temperatures and heavier than average snowfall caused disruption to schools, businesses and drivers and the overnight frosts are likely to continue at least until the weekend.

Stocks of salt held by Dorset County Council currently stand at around 2,700 tonnes, which is enough to last for around eight to 10 days with another 1,300 tonnes due to be delivered this week.

Nationally, all local authorities have been asked to reduce their salt use by 25-per-cent. To achieve this, the county council will be using a salt/grit mix to treat roads rather than pure salt.

This will result in ice taking longer to melt but it is hoped that the grit will aid

by Tom Glover

tyres to grip the road.

At this time, the council is continuing to regularly treat main roads across the county to ensure the most used parts of the network are kept clear of ice and snow.

Met Office Forecaster Helen Chivers said: "The weather in West Dorset does not look very pleasant for a while.

"There will be frosts at night at least until the weekend and roads will remain icy.

"I would advise everybody to keep up to date with the weather forecasts and to be prepared for the potential weather conditions."

Dorset County Council has directed drivers to their website for advice on driving in poor weather conditions, regular updated information about how the winter weather is affecting road conditions and services, including gritting updates and

FAQs. Visit
www.dorsetforyou.com/winter.



■ Jeanie Chubb and Ben Geyser thanking staff of Poundbury Village Stores for their recent donation

Cash boost for boxing club thanks to Poundbury stores

POUNDBURY Village Stores' chosen charity for December was the Dorchester Amateur Boxing Club.

Each month staff at the shop select a cause to raise money for.

Money raised will go towards the Dorchester ABC's new gym, which

will be built on the Sawmills site.

Jeanie Chubb from Dorchester ABC gave a short speech of thanks to manager of Poundbury Village Stores, Mr Geo, and his staff, for their fundraising efforts.

She said: "We are working hard and saving

for our new gym, which will make a great difference to the youngsters and the communities of Dorchester and surrounding areas.

"The monies donated by the Poundbury Village Stores will make a welcome difference to our goal."

Man arrested following collision

A MAN has been arrested after a two vehicle collision near Dorchester.

The incident took place at just before 5pm on Sunday, January 10th on the A352 between Warmwell and Broadmayne.

The Christchurch man was driving a black Saab when he was involved in the collision with a Dorchester woman driving a blue Ford Escort estate.

The collision caused the road to be

closed for just over an hour.

The man was arrested for committing a road traffic offence and was taken to Dorset County Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or saw the cars prior to the collision can contact Dorset Police on 01305 222222. Alternatively you can call the anonymous crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.



■ NEW OWNERS: Rosemary and Jerry Ramsdale

New owners for the View

THE View from Dorchester has new owners.

The **View from Dorchester** and its sister titles in Bridport, Beaminstor, Weymouth and Lyme Regis, have been acquired by Jerry and Rosemary Ramsdale, who also own the Mariners Hotel in Lyme Regis.

The couple, who have six children, have a holiday home in Lyme Regis and bought the Mariners in November 2007.

They have refurbished the 17th century hotel and restaurant, making it one of the most popular venues in the area.

Mr Ramsdale runs a successful magazine publishing and exhibitions company in St Albans and has other business interests, including part ownership of a fleet vehicle magazine. This is his first venture

into newspaper publishing.

The View titles will continue to be run from offices in St Michael's Business Centre in Lyme Regis.

Mr Ramsdale said: "I am looking forward to working with founders Philip and Jackie Evans and their staff in developing the View group of newspapers.

"They are excellent community publications, very popular with the readers and well respected by advertisers.

"Although these are difficult times for local newspapers I believe there is an excellent future for community publications like the View."

Mr and Mrs Ramsdale have also acquired the View from Chard, View from Ilminster and View from Sid Vale titles, as well as the View Online website.

Missing man spotted

A MISSING person from Wales is thought to have been spotted in Dorchester.

Alastair Richard Leveson, 40, was last seen in Llandudno, Wales on December 1st. He was living at the Beach House Hotel, Llandudno, for the past year, but is originally from the Manchester area.

Mr Leveson has left most of his property at the hotel and police are anxious to hear from anyone who may know of his whereabouts.

Mr Leveson, who is approximately 6ft tall, of medium build, with blonde/brown collar length hair.

He used to be in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME). It is thought that he may have gone to Wiltshire where he was stationed. Although at the beginning of January he was sighted in the Dorchester area.

Anyone who may have seen Mr Leveson or who has information relating to his whereabouts should contact North Wales Police, 0845 6071002 or Crimestoppers Cymru Wales on 0800 555111.

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District council hopes to secure phone boxes future

WEST Dorset District Council's Executive Committee has approved the decision to oppose BT's plans to remove the district's public phone boxes.

Parish and town councils in West Dorset were asked to share their views on whether phone boxes in their parish are needed.

This followed BT's proposals for parishes to adopt their local phone box for £1, but the telephone equipment will be removed.

Last year West Dorset District Council, backed by the local community, opposed BT plans to remove 72 payphones in the district.

Phone boxes in rural communities can provide a reliable means of communication for young and older people, visitors and those without access to the mobile phone network.

The district council and many parish and town councils are concerned that in areas with poor mobile phone coverage, removing payphones could put lives at risk as people struggle to contact the emergency services.

For BT to be able to progress with their scheme the district council were required to withdraw its veto on removing the equipment, but to do so the district council needed to hear from parish and town councils that these phone boxes were not needed, even in emergency situations where there is poor mobile network coverage.

The district council has decided that only the phone boxes in Minterne Magna and Cheselbourne should have their equipment re-

moved after the parish councils said they had no objections and are now considering adopting their local phone box.

The other 83 phone boxes in the district should remain with fully working equipment.

West Dorset District Council Leader Robert Gould said: "Rural facilities need to be protected, so I am pleased with the decision to continue to oppose BT's proposals to remove phone boxes from the district."

"We would like to thank the parish and town councils for their co-operation. The district council has not had the resources to make a box-by-box decision on the BT proposals, so the

feedback from parish and town councils has been valuable in helping us reach our final decision."

If a parish or town council affected did not respond, then the district council has kept its objection to the removal of phone equipment from the local phone box in that area.

The district council's decision has been sent to BT and the Government's Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (DBERR). BT can appeal against the council's decision by going to the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

For more information and a list of phone boxes affected visit www.dorsetforyou.com/phoneboxes/west

Letwin's pledge

WEST Dorset MP Oliver Letwin has pledged to 'do his bit' for the armed forces on the Royal British Legion website.

Mr Letwin has joined hundreds of other MPs who have made their pledge to the charity online.

The Royal British Legion's campaign website, www.timetodoyourbit.org.uk, is encouraging MPs from across the parties to make the pledge.

The website also features the charity's general election manifesto, which sets out priorities for the next Government to improve conditions for service personnel and their families, the bereaved, veterans and dependants.

Kevin Shinkwin, the Legion's Head of Public Affairs, said, "We're really

grateful to Oliver Letwin for pledging to do his bit."

"The entire Armed Forces family needs the support of politicians from all parties, and our manifesto outlines practical ways the next government can help."

"We hope all the parties will give it serious consideration and that every MP and Prospective Parliamentary Candidate will pledge to do their bit."

Oliver Letwin added: "I was delighted to support The Royal British Legion. They have an important role to play in highlighting the needs of the whole Armed Forces family."

"I have pledged to do my bit and would encourage everyone to visit the website to find out how they can get involved in the campaign."



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Stitchers create a piece of Africa for arts centre



■ Mayor, Councillor Susie Hosford with members of the Dorchester Stitchers and some of the young contributors

FIVE-years-ago, a group of local embroidery enthusiasts met each other for the very first time in a room at Dorchester Arts Centre.

They whiled away the time working on the panels for the Dorchester 700 Celebration Tapestry, an amazing creation depicting the county town through the ages.

In 2008 these ambitious, talented and extremely hard working ladies formed the Dorchester Stitchers in order to raise funds to have the seven tapestry panels framed and hung in the Corn Exchange.

The Dorchester Stitchers have gone from strength to strength, continuing to produce work

by Anita Harries

of an increasingly high standard. A special cushion was made for use by the Mayor of Dorchester during church services, and a professional commission undertaken for a set of church vestments.

Their latest work of art, entitled "Colours of Africa", was unveiled at the Arts Centre by the Mayor of Dorchester, Councillor Susie Hosford, where it will hang in all its splendour.

For several months, the Dorchester Stitchers collected African pictures, symbols, and patterns which were transferred to six inch squares of fabric and canvas.

A two day workshop

held in the Borough Gardens House offered prepared work packs to visitors who went along to join in.

They worked alongside members of the stitchers on their chosen squares, using a variety of techniques – paint, glue, beads, embellishment with felt, fabric, embroidery threads and wools. Parents, grandparents and children, with an age range of three – 83-years-old, created a total of 54 squares, which were subsequently braided and sewn onto a backing cloth.

This is a beautifully colourful and vibrant wall hanging with a real

feel for the African continent and all it has to offer.

Not ones to keep their fingers resting, their current projects were also on display.

Two seat cushions are being made for the council chamber, where they will eventually rest upon the two 17th century chairs used by the mayor and the town clerk.

Two orphrey panels of Dorset wildflowers and a central panel of wheat-sheaf are under way for the altar cloth in Dorchester cemetery's South Chapel.

Mayor Susie Hosford was full of praise for the wonderful work produced by the Dorchester Stitchers.

Opportunity for budding filmmakers

LIVE It, Love It, Film It is one part of a three year project to celebrate the unique, ceremonial landscape of the South Dorset Ridgeway.

Supported partly by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the project will focus on several key themes that include archaeological surveys and historical research, access and interpretation, celebration, and working with schools.

The South Dorset Ridgeway is a broad chalky ridge which stretches from Broadmayne to Long Bredy, and contains around 500 archaeological monuments within its 14 square miles.

Many of these are of national significance, and indeed the area is considered by many experts to be of equal importance to Stonehenge and Avebury for revealing the lives of our ancestors. The Ridgeway offers superb views of the stunning scenery of the West Dorset countryside and the Jurassic Coast. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty and invaluable to our heritage.

So, are you aged between 14 and 25, and have you ever wanted to make a film? Then you may be interested in taking part in a project to capture the spirit of this unique landscape in a three minute film.

As part of the South Dorset Ridgeway Heritage Project, they are teaming up with PVA MediaLab and the renowned international artist Jorn Ebner to work with young people to create four three minute films during 2010.

February half term will see a half day taster workshop to introduce the project and put forward ideas to begin making a moving image.

All the workshops will be led by Jorn Ebner and will focus on the discoveries that can be found in

the landscape and where these discoveries can lead to.

This could include a short story movie, an image collage with sound, or an image sequence. Those participating in the workshops will be invited to make a submission to create their own film, working with Jorn throughout April, May and June. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to use your imagination and create a personal vision of what moves, enlightens and inspires you.

Jorn himself says: "For the workshops I am envisaging three parts: to depict the landscape as a quiet space for reflection and self-immersion; landscape as a noisy space for aggressive behaviour; and landscape as a reasonable place for visual debate.

"The question might be whether landscapes are like human beings, or whether human beings impose their emotions onto landscape."

The finished films will be presented at the South Dorset Ridgeway Festival in July of this year and will be made available in a variety of formats. There are three workshop venues to choose from: Osmington Village Hall on Wednesday, 17th February

Borough Gardens House on Thursday, 18th February

Portesham Village Hall on Friday, 19th February All of the above will run from 10am until 1pm. Those interested in booking should contact Dorset AONB on (01305) 228239.

More information about Jorn and the project can be found on the website at www.dorset-aonb.org.uk.

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Swimming success for little Seahorses



■ YOUNG Seahorses celebrate their success as a swimming awards ceremony

MEMBERS of the Seahorses Swim Club, who meet at Damers First School Pool, are going from strength to strength. Bowled over by the new techniques adapted

By Anita Harries

by the Amateur Swimming Association to make teaching children fun, newly qualified instructors Sandra Scott

and Debbie Hewitt began their own swim school and have not looked back since.

Opening with around



■ SANDRA Scott, Councillor Leslie Phillip and Debbie Hewitt with the Seahorses Special Award winner Elly Johnston



■ TRUSTEES David Barrett and Leslie Phillips hand over a cheque for £2,000 to instructors Debbie Hewitt and Sandra Scott

30 members, the numbers are now in excess of 150, with ages ranging from babies and toddlers to children attending the middle schools. The two ladies receive excellent support from volunteers both in and out of the water, all working to increase confidence and ability whilst enjoying the experience of being in the water.

To celebrate the achievements of the children, Debbie and Sandra held a presentation evening in the hall at Damers First School.

With food and drinks provided, the hall was packed to bursting point with Seahorses, mums, dads and grandparents, all eager to share in the excitement.

Chairman of the Pool Trustees, Councillor Leslie Phillips, and fellow trustee, Councillor David Barrett, were on hand to congratulate the children on their hard work and hand out certificates to mark their progress.

The babies and toddlers, who learn through games, songs and play, were given "Is Fantastic

in the Water" certificates.

There were also Stage 1, 2, 3, and 4 Duckling Awards, along with Stage 1 and 2 National Plan Awards, showing the growing confidence and ability of the children. There were Achievement Awards, and Distance Awards for those who were really finding their feet in the pool.

The final presentation was the Seahorses Special Award, given Elly Johnston in recognition of her tremendous improvement in all areas in a very short time.

Water quality is very important in swimming pools, particularly where you are teaching very young children to swim.

Thanks to work carried out recently by Cresta Leisure, the water quality in Damers Pool is first class.

A cheque from the Trustees for £2,000 to cover this work was presented to Sandra and Debbie by Leslie Phillips.

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River 'borne again' following restoration

THE South Winterborne stream south of Dorchester has been "borne again."

The section of the stream at Came Farm Dairy was identified in a report by the River Restoration Centre as having good potential for restoration.

Now excavation work has recreated the original route by digging a new channel and re-profiling the existing one.

Sarah Guest of the Environment Agency said: "The river at Winterborne Came had been moved to run along a straight course, so it was much deeper than would occur naturally, and had steep sides.

"Surveys showed that important wetland species such as water vole and amphibians were not using the site."

"The restored route of the winterbourne returns it to a more natural course and profile – the sides have more shallow slopes and the route meanders, creating 400m of important chalk stream habitat. 350m of the former straight watercourse has been re-profiled so that the sides are more gently sloped and provide a diverse habitat for wildlife."

"The work was carried out when the course of the winterbourne was dry and to minimise disturbance to wildlife.

"We are very grateful to the landowner who was fully behind the project and it has been fabulous to be involved with the actual digging of the new more natural channel, allowing wildlife to move back into such a rare habitat," said Sarah Williams Chalk Stream Conservation Officer for Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Winterbournes are rare chalk streams which are groundwater fed and only flow at certain times of year as groundwater levels



■ THE re-borne stream in the aquifer fluctuate.

They support a range of specialist wildlife adapted to this unusual flow regime, including a number of rare or scarce invertebrates, otter and water vole. Chalk rivers are an irreplaceable part of the landscape of southern England.

"We will be carrying out surveys following the work to assess the impact on biodiversity – it is hoped that some of the rare mayflies that occur elsewhere in the South Winterborne may move into the restored river," said Alison Turnock, Dorset AONB Biodiversity Officer.

The Dorset Winterbourne Project is led by the Dorset AONB Partnership, which includes the Environment Agency, Wessex Water, Natural England, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group, Dorset County Council and North Dorset District Council.

It aims to conserve and enhance rare winterbourne streams and their associated heritage.

Funding was secured from the Environment Agency and from the Weymouth Relief Road environmental enhancement section 106 grant.

BID website

DORCHESTER BID launched an exciting new website this week that gives you the opportunity of exploring the streets and shops of Dorchester from your home before visiting.

Based on the same idea of Google's Street View, the website called Dorchestervirtual gives full 360 degree views of a number of streets and allows viewers to get a glimpse of the county town's historical sites and leisure facilities as well as showing the interiors of shops and businesses who are members of BID.

Project Director Phil Gordon said: "Little Dorchester has taken on the might of Google to produce a virtual tour of the town at a fraction of the cost.

"The site has links to the historical culture of the town as well as tours of businesses who are members of BID."

To check out this exciting and fairly unique site go to www.dorchesterdorset.com.

Best place for business

According to new research by credit insurer, Euler Hermes UK, firms in Dorchester are the least likely of all businesses in the UK to fail.

Dorchester has the lowest insolvency rate in the UK (0.17%), and heads a list of ten British towns and cities that includes Inverness (0.17%), Guildford (0.19%) and Canterbury (0.26%).

The rate of failure of Dorchester businesses has also fallen (from 0.20% to 0.17% – a fall of 18% year-on-year).

Youth theatre production

MEMBERS of Dorchester Youth Theatre will be taking to the stage with their original production "Stolen Heart"

The play is set just after Christmas in a world of toys. The tale includes broken angels and tin soldiers and an adventure in Tanglewood!

The performance will take place at the Thomas Hardy School on Friday, January 15th and Saturday, January 16th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4.

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Cycle club support charities



■ A GROUP of local cycling enthusiasts recently held their annual dinner at Cafe Paninis in Dorchester.

As part of their annual subscription they have raised money for charity. This year they have made donations of £603 each to both Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and Julia's House, the Dorset children's hospice.

The group, known as the MWMC meet weekly and cycle around local bridleways, tracks and roads visiting the occasional local pub along the way.

Pictured above George Holmes presents a cheque to Dr Rollo Clifford for Julia's House and below to Sue Branch to be forwarded to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.



Achievements on display

■ THE Dorchester Area Community Partnership held their annual presentation evening, which featured displays from many of the county town's clubs and organisations.

Pictured are Jeanie Chubb from the Dorchester Amateur Boxing Club with Dorchester Town Crier Alistair Chisholm and Dorchester PC Mark Wodarek-Black, with the boxing club's display. The display featured photographs and newspaper articles and information about the club's successes.

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A look back at 2009 in Dorchester



JAN
■ **HAPPY NEW YEAR:** Town Crier Alistair Chisholm cries in the New Year assisted by Mayor Kate Hebditch, the Pirates of the Caribbean and James Bond



FEB
■ **LET IT SNOW:** Just like this winter, the area was hit by bad weather and snow – this time in February. Here dad and daughter are pictured with their snowman



MAR
■ **WELLWORTH OPENS:** Claire Robertson's dream of opening a "super" store in place of her former employees Woolworth which closed down at the end of 2008 came to fruition with the opening Wellworths. The opening created nationwide media interest and was officially opened by DJ Chris Evans live on his national BBC Radio 2 show.



APR
■ **SKATEPARK OPENS:** Dorchester's skatepark opened after 12 years hard work by the town's youth and support organisations. Around 1,000 people turned out to see the mayor cut the tape and watch the youngsters show their skills



MAY
■ **ALL CHANGE:** Outgoing mayor Councillor Kate Hebditch and her escort Alistair Chisholm (back left) celebrate with Dorchester's new mayor Councillor Susie Hosford and her escort Tony Biondic



JUN
■ **CARNIVAL TIME:** More than 50 entries enjoyed sunshine for Dorchester Carnival's procession through the streets of the county town. As usual there was a hosts of themes including these cheeky chimney sweeps

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■ **ARMED FORCES DAY:** National Armed Forces Day where the country honours past present and future servicemen was celebrated in Dorchester where a series of events took place. Here veterans meet current soldiers



■ **FUN IN THE SUN:** Dorchester County Hospital held their fun day at Kingston Maurward



■ **WELL DONE:** Dorchester Social Stroke Club celebrated its second anniversary with a party. Bouquets of flowers were presented to the two co-founders Jackie Sheffield and Anita Harries by Anne Richards in recognition of their hard work



■ **HELPLINE:** Magna Careline, an emergency home alarm system connected directly to a 24-hour operator service, celebrated its 20th birthday. The lifeline for elderly, disabled and vulnerable people in the West Country started in 1989



■ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Norrie Woodhall, the sole survivor of the original Hardy Players celebrated her 104th birthday. Still performing, here she chats to Dorchester Mayor Susie Hosford who visited her on her special day



■ **WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM:** A huge crowd joined representatives of organisations and the Mayor of Dorchester and the town councillors at the War Memorial in Dorchester on Sunday to remember those who gave their lives for their country

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View from Westminster

with MP OLIVER LETWIN



Need for change

SO HERE we are, with Parliament back in session after the Christmas break.

It is, of course, bitterly cold as one walks under the arches and around the courtyards of Westminster. But it isn't only the bitter cold that makes the scene so surreal.

We have entered the stage of the Parliament when the Parliament is not a Parliament any more but rather an ex-Parliament in the making.

When the Speaker, during Prime Minister's Questions last week, remarked in rebuke that we were not on the hustings yet, he was genuinely, if unconsciously, funny.

Very evidently - to all assembled and to all watching - the hustings is exactly where we are. It may be an agonisingly long drawn out process but the election has definitely begun and the Parliament, though not technically dissolved, is as near gone as makes no difference.

There was, of course, the brief excitement of the coup that didn't happen. And that, of course, intensified the sense of the surreal. It seemed a trifle odd, to say the least, that some leading members of the governing party appeared to think that the moment of our greatest ever fiscal crisis was the opportune

time for a spot of political assassination.

But, if that wasn't odd enough, we were treated to the positively bizarre spectacle of a plot where the gunpowder didn't so much fail to go off as fail to appear in the first place.

Guy Fawkes was a professional by comparison with this amateurish attempt. And there is quite a number of people who are sufficiently expert at coups to have been able to provide significantly improved advice if anyone had asked for it.

It remains, of course, entirely mysterious what was in the minds of those who so abundantly failed to engineer the defenestration.

Did they think that others would spontaneously join their ranks? Were they misled by honeyed phrases that turned out to be sweet nothings? Or was there some motive so subtle as to be wholly invisible?

In any event, as this most unsatisfactory of Parliaments nears its most unsatisfactory ending, we reflect on the need for change and hope never to see anything quite like it again.

In the now famous phrase, we cannot go on like this.

Crime figures down over Christmas

AN intensive campaign from Dorset Police saw a drop in recorded and violent crime over the Christmas period.

During December 2009 total recorded crime fell by 3.7 per cent to 3,557 offences while violent crime fell by six per cent to 824 offences.

Assaults with less serious injury fell by 6.7 per cent to 332 offences.

Theft of vehicles fell by 20.5 per cent to 66 offences while criminal damage fell by 17.9 per cent to 699 offences.

During December 2009, anti-social behaviour also fell by 8.8 per cent to 2,938 offences compared with December 2008.

The number of breath tests that were positive, failed or refused fell by 23 per cent - from 134 to 103 - during this year's drink drive campaign, when compared to the previous year.

The fall in total recorded crime and violent crime has been due to proactive and intelligence-led policing, multi-agency planning and working between Dorset Police, local councils, the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service as well as the ambulance service.

Superintendent David Griffith, of Dorset Police, said: "We are very grateful to all those members of the public who heard our advice and helped us to cut crime."

"Thanks to the efficient management of resources, police officers have continued to take proactive steps to reduce crime," he explained.

Over the New Year period - between 10pm on December 31st 2009 and 7am on New Year's Day January 1st 2010 - Dorset Police dealt with 459 incidents across the county.

Dorset Police also took 310 emergency 999 calls from the public, 305 of which were answered within ten seconds.

During this time there were 60 arrests, 12 less than during the same period the previous year.

Superintendent Griffith added: "This year was not our busiest ever New Year. Officers and staff carried out their duties in a highly professional manner - despite the provocation and violence offered by a small minority of troublemakers who were intent on ruining the occasion for others."

"I would like to thank people who staged respon-

sible New Year's Eve events - including the provision of stewarding - and managed the venues for the

benefit of the public at large. We will be relentless in our efforts to make Dorset even safer in 2010

but, as ever, we will continue to need the help of the public and our partners to achieve this".

A slice of country life

A NEW book titled 'Dorset Journey' that aims to capture a snapshot of the county at the beginning of the 21st century has just been published.

The book, described by author Alan R. Bennett as "part investigative journalism, part travel and part autobiography," follows him as he travels across the county, visiting every town and over 50 villages.

Mr Bennett's travels begin at the Marine Parade, Lyme Regis on New Year's Eve 2008. During his time in Lyme Mr Bennett visits Woodroffe Secondary School, the Marine Theater and even our own newspaper offices.

As he travels west Mr Bennett stops off in Bridport to visit councillors, Palmers Brewery and young people from the youth service and the Bridport Young Persons Action Trust.

There are many familiar faces featured in the book as Mr Bennett continues his journey taking in Beaminster, Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland as well as many other places.

Author Alan R. Bennett said: "There are some superb books on Dorset but they are always rooted in the past."

"I wanted to capture the county now so in years to come people can look back and hopefully see that it captures a particular period."

"I wanted to find a mixture of people from those who were well known to the ordinary people on the street."

"I've always loved travel books and I think I was particularly inspired by J.B. Priestley's 'English Journey'. He travelled the

county and found a great contrast. I met a lot of different people on my journey and I'd like to think it gives a true reflection."

As well as many popular local personalities there are number of famous faces in the book including Julian Fellowes and a foreword from TV antiques expert Paul Atterbury.

The book is available from Red post for £19.95 (£2 per copy will be divided between two local charities - The Weldmar Trust and the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation).



■ DOING IT FOR DORSET: Bridport photographer Dean Brooke takes a picture for the book outside the Bridport Youth Club. Members of the Young Parents Group, Evolution Basketball, Japanese Exchange, local democracy, Trick factory, Humph Sound Studio, Charter Fair and volunteer youth workers all featured in the book.

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Helping others on the road to recovery

THE new chairman of Dorset Mental Health Forum has good reason to be interested in the work of the Dorchester-based independent charity.

Former RAF officer Hannah Walker, 53, who was brought up on the Isle of Wight and now lives in West Dorset, had a glowing service history until she suffered the first of many breakdowns in 1990.

After graduating from officer training with the sash of merit and training as a personnel officer, she had many and varied jobs in the RAF, including Royal visits officer in Germany and a member of the operational staff in the Ministry of Defence.

"I travelled widely and represented both the RAF and combined services at sailing," she said.

But after becoming ill, she was eventually diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

"It was decided I should be thrown out of the RAF under the same regulations applied to drug addicts and alco-

holics and without a pension," she said. "It took me well over a year to fight that and for the RAF to admit they had made a mistake."

In the end, she was invalided out of the RAF as a squadron leader in 1991. She retrained as a psychotherapist and worked on an acute psychiatric ward for six years until, once again, she had to retire because of her mental health.

Hannah describes her road to recovery as long and hard. She is very passionate about the forum's work and it's why she is so willing to be its figurehead.

"I must have taken every tablet known to man in the hope of controlling the symptoms of my illness," she recalled. "I've had 24 admissions to psychiatric wards during the last 20 years."

"I started my life as a patient on a mixed ward with nothing to recommend about it. There was violence and quite often I didn't feel safe. The dormitories had four beds in them and there

HANNAH WALKER had a promising career in the RAF until she suffered a series of mental breakdowns. Now the new chairman of Dorset Mental Health Forum, Hannah talks to MARGERY HOOKINGS about how living with mental health affected her life.

were communal baths.

"On night shifts it was very difficult to sleep and a search for a staff member was hopeless. The doctors gave orders to the nurses who gave orders to the patients, most of whom paid no attention. The buildings were grim and the food grimmer."

"The subsequent hospital I went to was very different. I was consulted about my care at every stage and helped to fill in my care plan. Staff were approachable and had time to talk."

"There were single rooms and the food was better. Now I go there with a very positive attitude that I shall get better quickly and not spend too much time away from home."

Hannah said the difference between the two units was very simple. The first practised what is called the "medical

model", where, Hannah said "the psychiatrist was God and in any case one never saw him".

The second unit practised a "recovery model".

"This places patients in the centre of their care and they are looked upon as the experts when being treated," Hannah said.

"Groups of different kinds fill the days and the occupational therapy room is widely used. Staff have emerged from their hiding places and are very willing to help and to talk."

"No longer does the psychiatrist hold such power as there are more than enough people with illnesses to tell them what works best for them. I can't speak warmly enough of the recovery model and the better outcomes it produces."



■ HANNAH Walker

What is the Dorset Mental Health Forum?

DORSET Mental Health Forum is a Dorset-wide independent charity run and led predominantly by people who have experienced mental health problems.

The forum, which is based in Durngate Street, Dorchester, employs about 40 staff and has a range of projects across Dorset and ongoing developments, funded in a number of different ways – including contracts from local statutory organisations, a grant from the Big Lottery Fund and social enterprise income.

It provides information for mental health service users and their carers, the general public and statutory services. It provides day services, an advocacy service and mental health awareness training.

Becky Aldridge, assistant services manager, said: "The forum has a clear philosophy and ethos. Service users, people with lived experience of mental health problems and recovery are at the heart of everything we do."

According to the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health, "recovery" is defined as "a set of values about a person's right to build a meaningful life for themselves, with or without the continuing presence of mental health symptoms. Recovery is based on ideas of self-determination and self-management. It emphasizes the importance of hope in sustaining motivation and supporting expectations of an individually fulfilled life".

Said Becky: "Many of our staff are being supported along their own personal journey of recovery, having become employed by the forum at a time when other employment was not achievable for them."

"Not only have these people been able to experience flexible, understanding and supportive employment, but in some cases they have been able to utilise their own experiences to positive effect for others, which has enabled them to grow in confidence and to develop themselves."

"Another example would be how we have empowered and enabled service users to believe they will be heard and to have a voice regarding the shaping, modernising and delivery of local

statutory mental health services.

"We have a growing constituency of several hundred mental health service users and people with lived experience in Dorset, with whom we regularly consult and involve in statutory service planning."

"Many people are also involved directly in influencing service provision by attending meetings and providing representative feedback, taking part in recruitment and training of statutory staff and developing forum peer-led services themselves."

For more information about the forum, go to the website at www.dorsetmentalhealthforum.org.uk.



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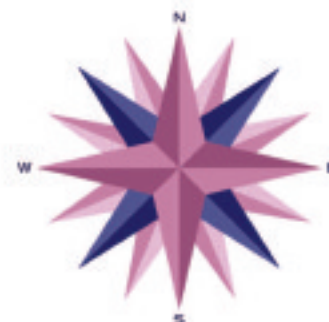
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The accommodation with many of the principle rooms enjoying views over the gardens and glimpses of Lyme Bay comprises- entrance hallway, cloakroom, study, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room and utility room with connecting room to double garage. An oak stair case rises to the first floor with master suite having dressing room and en-suite bathroom. There is a guest bedroom with ensuite, two further bedrooms and bathroom,

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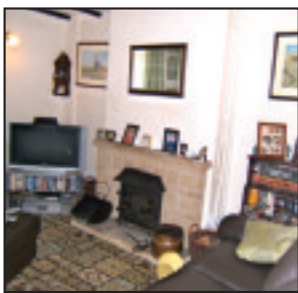
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Managing Director of Awards For Business who run the national scheme. In a difficult market customers need to be certain agents are working their hardest to earn their fees.

David James, Manager of Martin & Co Weymouth said "We take our levels of customer service very seriously because we know clients have a choice. We have always been very proud of the personal service we provide and this is great way to demonstrate how good we really are."

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£140,000



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- Viewing Advised

BRIDPORT

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- Detached Mature Bungalow
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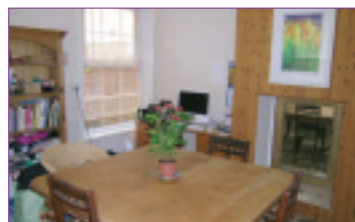
- Town
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Spacious Open

- Plan Living
- Open Fire in Lounge
- Garden to the Rear

BRIDPORT £220,000



- Period Semi Detached
- Good Location close to Town



- Three Bedrooms
- Garden & Parking

- uPVC D/G & Gas CH
- Internal Updating Required

BRIDPORT £240,000



- Detached 4 Bed Home
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner



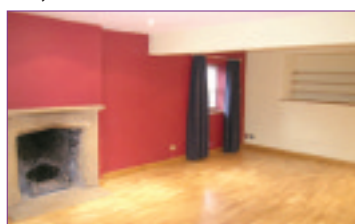
- Large Conservatory
- Lounge & Cloakroom

- Northern Edge of Town
- Garage & Enclosed Garden

WINSHAM £365,000



- Substantial Grade II Listed House
- Central Village Location



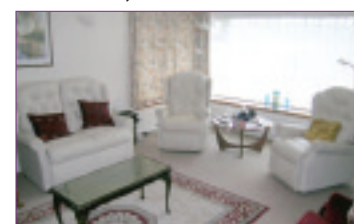
- 4-5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
- Spacious Lounge with Hamstone Fireplace

- Bespoke Kitchen & Sep Dining Room
- Utility Room & Garden Room
- Courtyard Garden

BRIDPORT GUIDE PRICE £400,000



- Detached Home with Views
- 4-5 Bedrooms – Two En-Suites



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- Large Garden with Summer House
- Tucked Away but Convenient Location

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CHARMOUTH - £650,000



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- Dining area
- Sunroom
- Family bathroom
- Ground floor annexe with bedroom4/sitting room
- Shower room
- WC
- Panoramic sea views

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CHARMOUTH - £228,000

Versatile 4 bed mid terraced house
within level walking distance of shops and beach

Kitchen - Dining room - Utility -

WC - Lounge - Family Room -

4 bedrooms - Bathroom - GCH - Gardens

NO
CHAIN

CHARMOUTH - £245,000



Immaculate 2 Double Bed apartment within village centre

- Master en suite
- Further double bed
- Large lounge with bay windows
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Garage
- Views
- Lift

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CHARMOUTH - £220,000



Delightful cottage with scope for improvement

- Kitchen
- Lounge /diner
- Courtyard garden
- Bathroom
- 2 bedrooms
- Parking

CHARMOUTH - £295,000



An immaculate bright modern 3 bed semi-detached house close to the shops and a level walk to the beach

- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Dining/Sun Room
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- Parking

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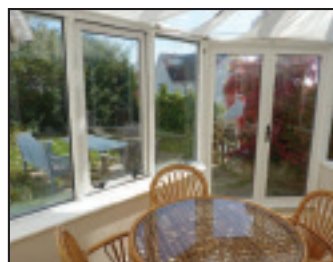


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- Entrance Porch
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- Sitting Room
- 4 Bedrooms
- Dining Room
- 2 Bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Utility room



- Garden Room
- Enclosed Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

LYME REGIS - £650,000



- Established guest house
- 1920's detached property
- Popular location close to the town
- Self-contained annexe / owners' accommodation

- 6 letting rooms with facilities
- Residents lounge and dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen with built-in appliances



- Breakfast room and sun lounge
- Sea and woodland views
- Ample parking and double garage
- Front and rear garden
- Gas CH and Double glazing

ROUSDON - £745,000



- Individual spacious house
- Village setting close to Lyme Regis
- Potential annexe / B&B
- 5 bedrooms, 3 en-suite



- Large living room
- Family kitchen / breakfast room
- Dining hall and study
- uPVC double glazed conservatory

- Approx. half acre landscaped garden
- Additional 3.75 acre paddock
- Detached double garage
- Gravelled driveway and parking

UPLYME - £675,000



- Entrance Hall
- Drawing Room
- Dining Room
- Study
- Kitchen

- Utility
- Conservatory
- Master Bedroom
- Three Further Bedrooms One With Ensuite



- Two Family Bathrooms
- Swimming Pool
- Gardens
- Summer House

LYME REGIS - £275,000



- Sitting Room
- En Suite Bathroom
- Dining Room/Bedroom 3
- Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Car Parking
- 2 Bedrooms
- Communal Gardens

CHARDSTOCK - £495,000



- Village location
- Individual detached bungalow
- Self contained studio annex
- Detached garage with planning permission
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Dining room

- uPVC woodgrain effect double glazing throughout
- Impressive sun lounge/ conservatory
- Three bedroom master en suite
- Family bathroom

LYME REGIS - £265,000



- Modern terraced bungalow
- Very well presented
- Good sized accommodation
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Some sea views from the rear garden
- Open plan kitchen / dining room

- Two ground floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Study area
- First floor bedroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage to the rear of the terrace

LYME REGIS - £575,000



- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room

- Utility room
- Master bedroom
- Four further bedrooms
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WEST COMPTON - £695 PCM



Located between Dorchester & Bridport, this attractive 3 bed rural cottage on a mansion house development offered in excellent order, spacious lounge / diner, bathroom, modern kitchen/b'fast, off street parking, very large garden with veggie patch, stunning views.

BRIDPORT - £550 PCM



A first floor 2 double bedroom flat in this beautiful period building close to the town, spacious lounge, kitchen, bathroom with shower and sep w.c., sash windows, neutral décor, available Feb 2010 unfurnished

MORCOMBELAKE - £595 PCM



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IT'S PANTO TIME – OH YES IT IS!

Bridport Pantomime Players return with Jack and the Beanstalk

AFTER their successful adventures on the high seas with Sinbad the Sailor, the Bridport Pantomime Players are now safely back on shore with JACK AND THE BEANSTALK and contentedly living in Serenia, a happy care-free community ruled by King Hubert (Sue Farrant).

But trouble is just around the corner! Rancid (Jamie Isaacs), a somewhat unpleasant person, the sort of person you want to boo and hiss, has

been sent by the wicked Giant Blunderbore (Tom Staple) to take over Serenia.

Dame Trot (Steve Light) a hard-working widow, has two sons – Jack our hero (Teresa Grinter) and Simple Simon (Jess Ives) and runs the local dairy with a bit of help from Daisy the Cow (front half John Day: back half Tony Glover).

Jack is in love with the King's daughter, Princess Melissa (Emily Deer), but can't afford to marry her; Dame Trot can't afford to pay the rent, and the King's crown gets stolen! Daisy the Cow has to be sold to pay the rent, the Princess is kidnapped and both are transported to the wicked Giant's domain, where Cookie (Sarah Light) a kindly soul, takes care of them both.

With magical help from Fairy Thistledown (Helen Light) good wins over evil – as it does in all the best pantomimes! The two villagers are Gill Nunn and Sarah Pitcher, and together with the chorus, this pantomime will be full of traditional fun and laughter.

Jack and the Beanstalk will be on stage at The Electric Palace in January from Tuesday 26th – Saturday 30th with a matinee on the Thursday

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Elephant Talk



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The band's current line-up are Jon Maybey on guitar, mandolin and foot controlled loops and samples, Sarah Joy on vocals and Matt Tarling on fiddle.

The concert starts at 8.30pm Friday 15th January. Tickets are £5 (£4 concessions) on the door. Bring your own drinks and dancing shoes!

You can listen to the band at www.myspace.com/elephanttalkuk

Bridport & District Model Railway Club

THE Bridport and District Model Railway Club will be holding a Model Railway Exhibition this Saturday (January 16th) in the Public Hall, Fleet Street, Beaminster from 10am until 5pm.

sizes including the "Wadebridge" as featured recently in the Railway Modeller magazine.

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What's on at

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SATURDAY JANUARY 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. Held at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church) from 10am - 12noon. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. Call 01305 852886 for more details.

THURSDAY JANUARY 21ST

DORCHESTER: Dorset Plant Heritage AGM followed by Tim Hooker, Group President and National Collections Officer giving an illustrated talk 'Trees for all seasons'. At Kingston Maurwood College from 7pm. Visitors welcome.

MONDAY JANUARY 25TH

BRIDPORT: Illustrated Talk: 'Beyond Old Harry' by speaker Rod Lawrence. This talk follows on from a previous talk 'Ecology of the Jurassic Coast'. Presented by the Golden Cap Centre of the National Trust. At Bridport United Church Hall, East Street from 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

BEAMINSTER: Illustrated Talk: 'Smuggling Tales & Trails' by speaker Rob Curtis. At Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road from 3.30pm. All welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

FEBRUARY 19TH, 20TH & 21ST

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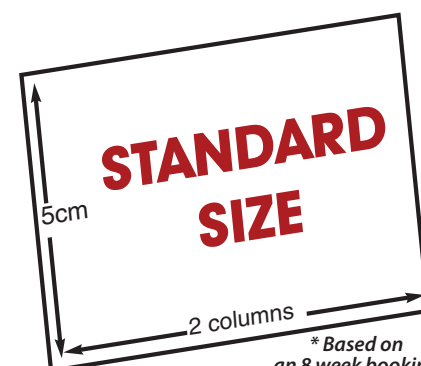


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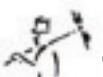
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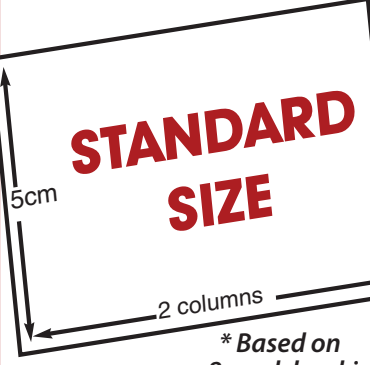
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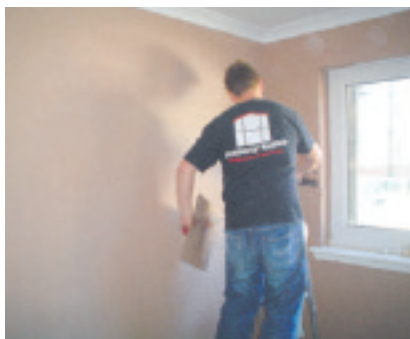
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During his tenure at Honda UK he was acknowledged for his role in driving growth, leading and managing change. In 2008 he was named as the 2006 winner in the 'Rising Stars' sales awards by the leading automotive trade publication, Automotive Management.

Taking over his new position in Frankfurt from 1 January 2010, Bradley will report to Paul Philpott, COO of KME.

Announcing the appointment, Paul Philpott commented: "As a powerful and dynamic European team, we are quickly making progress in creating a strong organization, leveraging and adding new resources in our region. Given the importance of a strong sales organization in achieving our key objectives, we are delighted to welcome Bernard to this new role. KME will benefit greatly from his unrivalled, thorough and in-depth sales leadership skills

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## Dynamic next-generation Ford Focus debuts

■ Next-generation Ford Focus makes its worldwide debut at 2010 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit.

■ Focus spearheads Ford's new generation of global C-cars, all based on a common platform that will underpin up to 10 vehicles around the world and account for two million units of annual production by 2012.

THE next-generation Ford Focus makes its worldwide debut today at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit, providing customers with more affordable technologies and features than ever in this segment, as well as detailed craftsmanship, outstanding fuel economy and a new standard for driving quality.

Both the four-door saloon and five-door hatchback body styles of the next-generation Focus are previewed prior to their production start for Europe and North America late in 2010 and market launch early in 2011.

Production of the next-generation Ford Focus will begin simultaneously in Europe and North America in late 2010, with individual market launches starting early in 2011. Initial production will be concentrated at the Saarlouis (Germany), Michigan (United States) and Chongqing (China) Assembly Plants.

The new Focus will be one of up to 10 unique models to be built from Ford's new C-car platform, which is expected to generate total sales in all regions of two million units annually by 2012. The first of these will be the new Ford C-MAX and Ford Grand C-MAX – unveiled at the 2009 Frankfurt Motor Show – for launch in Europe in the second half of 2010.

"Global customers increasingly want smaller cars with outstanding fuel economy, but without sacrificing any of the style, technology, connectivity and driving quality they demand from larger vehicles," explained Derrick Kuzak, Ford's group vice president of Global Product Development.

"Our next generation of C-cars – led by the exciting new Focus – will clearly show that Ford is ready to meet that challenge," said

Kuzak.

## Taking kinetic design to the next level

The two models share a sporty and dynamic character, marking the next evolution of Ford's acclaimed kinetic design form language. The kinetic design approach uses bold vehicle designs to capture the feeling of energy in motion, so that cars look like they are moving – even when they are standing still.

With its striking front end, sleek profile, dramatic rising beltline and athletic stance, the new Focus clearly telegraphs the rewarding driving experience that awaits customers when they take to the road.

This dynamic quality is reinforced by the distinctive design of the interior. The new Focus has an extremely modern, cockpit-style interior, with the stylish centre console wrapped around the driver and providing outstanding access to the vehicle's major controls and display panels.

A key element of the interior is the quality of craftsmanship. The cabin's bold and contemporary graphics, the sculptured shape of the soft-touch instrument panel and the choice of superior trim materials all help to give occupants the feeling that they are travelling in a premium-class car.

## Unmatched driving quality

Introduced in 1998, the original Ford Focus brought new levels of agility and responsiveness to the C-segment. The all-new Focus plans to raise the benchmark once more, targeting class-leading driving quality that blends outstanding steering precision and road feedback with significantly improved refinement and ride control.

Engineers have updated the innovative suspension concepts from prior models, developing optimised new designs for the "control blade" multilink rear suspension and the semi-isolated front and rear subframes. The chassis design is complemented by a completely new Electric Power Assist Steering system, which has been carefully tuned to deliver pure and precise responses at high speed while remaining light and manoeuvrable for parking.

## Intuitive technology enhances convenience and safety

The technology package of the new Focus promises not only clear leadership in the C-segment, but also includes features customers in larger, more premium segments would find surprising. The new technologies have been designed to be simple and highly intuitive to use, while enhancing both convenience and safety for the vehicle occupants including driver connect technology, MyFord, which provides the driver with a state-of-the-art combination of controls and display screens to operate the key vehicle features.

MyFord is complemented by a new generation of Ford's powerful SYNC® connectivity package, which includes a sophisticated voice control system, Bluetooth and satellite navigation, along with connection points for a variety of devices and media players.

## Strength and safety

The Focus platform provides an incredibly strong and stiff structure, which not only benefits vehicle dynamics and refinement but also provides the basis for enhanced crash performance. High-strength steels are used extensively in the next-generation Focus body

shell. These advanced materials help the structure meet the most stringent crash legislation across world markets, while minimising the vehicle's weight.

## Quality and craftsmanship in every detail

The new Focus will make significant strides in reducing cabin noise, promising a quiet cabin environment. This refinement complements the fresh new interior design and higher craftsmanship levels to create a pre-

mium feel akin to larger vehicles.

Each component in the vehicle that the customer will touch, see, hear or even smell has been subjected to rigorous analysis to ensure that it will exceed an owner's expectations. Particular attention has been given to the quality of interior trim materials, and the colour matching, gaps, flushness and tolerances where one part meets another.

The new Focus will go on sale in the UK in the first quarter of 2011.





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## VAUXHALL RETAIL SALES END YEAR ON YET ANOTHER BUMPER MONTH

FOLLOWING a year-on-year retail sales increase of 128 per cent in November, Vauxhall has yet again proved its appeal to user-chooser buyers by posting December retail sales up 54 per cent over the same month in 2008.

Vauxhall posted 6050 retail sales in December, which not only exceeded the 3925 sales from De-

cember 2008, when the recession first took hold, but also the 5881 retail sales recorded in December 2007.

This brings to a close what has been an outstanding last quarter for Vauxhall, with a total of 18,884 retail sales recorded, a 53 per cent increase over the same period in the previous year.

"A major contributor to this success has been the new Astra," said Rory Harvey, Vauxhall's Retail Sales Director. "In December 2008 the old model was running sixth in its segment, but a year on the Mk 6 has helped us achieve third place with retail sales boosted from 493 to 1969 units – a 299 per cent im-

provement. We've also seen Corsa retail sales rise by 37 per cent, with 2857 units registered."

But Vauxhall's success didn't stop there. Retail sales of commercial vehicles grew by 18 per cent year on year, with 554 units registered in December 2009, contributing to a final quarter increase of 27 per cent over the same period in 2008.

"We're looking forward to building on this success in 2010," said Rory. "With new Astra coming on stream after its launch last month, followed by the new Movano joining the commercial vehicle line-up and the new Meriva in June, we hope to deliver plenty more great retail sales stories."



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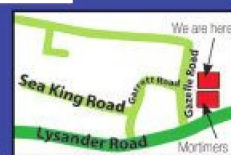
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## FORD PAYS VAT INCREASE

FORD has announced 2010 new car offers which offset this month's VAT rise.

As VAT returns to 17.5 per cent, Ford is offsetting the 2.5 per cent increase to the end of February.

With the Government's scrap-age incentive scheme also expiring at the end of February 2010, market leader Ford is braced for extra busy winter trad-

ing.

Ford's VAT offset applies to all car ranges from compact Ka to seven-seater Galaxy. Even greater discounts remain available for scrappage customers replacing cars at least eight years old. Scrappage incentives of at least £2,000 have attracted an extra 35,500 customers to the blue oval.

Nigel Sharp, Ford Britain managing director, said: "Ford is offering some relief from the cold, tough start to 2010 by delaying the VAT impact on its new car prices to March.

"Combined with the scrappage deals still available for customers with older cars, they present plenty of reasons to visit a Ford dealer this winter."



## Snow leads to increased car insurance disputes

USED Car Expert magazine has seen a significant increase in number of enquiries via its website www.UsedCarExpert.co.uk relating to disputes with insurance companies over the value of their car, which have been written off by snow-related accidents. Consumers seem most frustrated when their car was written off because someone else collided with it while it was parked in a street. The icy conditions, and poor visibility are resulting in car accidents and as a result insurance claims.

Editor Matt Tumbridge said, "The Government's grilling policy means lots of side streets are ice rinks and even at slow speeds, sadly cars are going out of control and in urban areas the first thing they hit is another car."

"It is particularly frustrating for car owners who weren't even at the car when the accident happened. In several cases the person responsible left no contact details so the victim is not only having to argue over the value of the car but also losing their no claims bonus and facing the prospect of seeing

their premium rise."

On the problem of insurance valuations he said, "Most insurers use a trade publication to value the car and offer the minimum they can get away with.

That is unfair and unrealistic. The car owner has a right to a pay out that will enable them to pay full retail price for a car of equal condition. No one can ever be 100% certain that a car will be reliable when they buy it, so consumers who have lost their car in this way deserve to be able to buy from a dealer where they get a warranty."

Tumbridge's advice for car owners is, "Obtain a price from our website for both the national average and regional average retail price. Then find several cars for sale in the area at dealers and compile it all in a robust explanation of why the insurance company's valuation is not fair. If there are cars available at the price the insurer suggests, include those, highlighting how they are not the same as your car. Usually they will be higher mileage, have less service history or less equipment. Most insurers will see sense when given evidence like that.



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## PERRY STREET LEAGUE

with HOWARD LARCOMBE

FREEZE UP CAUSES LEAGUE  
TO ABANDON ALL GAMES

THE lack of match action gives rise to an opportunity to just take stock of the season so far, as well as recalling some of the League's long, and distinguished history in the form of an A to Z.

**A** is for Arthur Gage Cup. The Final is played on Sector Lane, home of ex-Perry Street League club Axminster Town who are currently performing in the South-West Peninsula League Division One (East).

The current cup holders are Pymore who beat West-Dorset rivals Charmouth 4-3 on penalties following a thrilling 3-3 draw after extra-time. This trophy is open to teams from Division One with Crewkerne Reserves (five wins) the most successful team in the competition's 59-year history.

**B** is for Bill Bailey Cup. The current holders are Luso-Chard who secured their First ever Perry Street League silverware with a 2-0 replay victory over Chard Rangers Reserves at Combe.

The replayed final, a rarity in these days of penalty shoot-outs, took place after the initial game at Beaminster ended goal less and referee Lance Turner deemed conditions too dark to take the spot-kicks.

The most successful team in the competitions' 37-year-old history is Powmatic. The defunct Ilminster-based factory team have their name on the trophy in four different guises; Rangers, Ilminster, Sports and Reserves.

**C** is for Coronation Cup. The show-piece Boxing Day Final threw up a shock this season when South Petherton suffered their biggest defeat for seven years as they were beaten 4-0 by Lyme Regis in an unexpectedly one-sided affair. The win moves Lyme to sec-

ond in the all-time list of winners with seven triumphs, two behind leaders Merriott Rovers.

**D** is for Daisy Hutchings. The DH Cup is the Perry Street League's equivalent of the FA cup with teams from four of the five Divisions competing for the trophy.

Second Division Millway Rise produced a major shock by winning the trophy for the first time last season.

Shepton Beauchamp hold the record for most wins with six (in-a-row) in the 80s when teams from the top Division were also included.

**E** is for Eastlee Park home of Farway United. Farway are the most West-erly of the clubs in League and have remained loyal despite several offers to join the Devon & Exeter League.

The Ground is situated in a deep valley in East Devon and as such does have one or two problems with drainage, but the club, led by stalwart manager Andy Bailey, keeps plugging away and looks well-set for a push to regain their Premier Division status

**F** is First Avenue home of Millway Rise. Millway are not known as the Slopers without good reason.

The First Avenue incline is probably the steepest in the entire League – many a full-back has stumbled, gasping, back up the hill chasing a teenage substitute winger in the last minute of injury-time!

**G** is for goals, the more the merrier! This season's current average is 5.12 per game.

**H** is for Hall. At 74-years young Bob Hall is still doing sterling work as the League's oldest referee. Bob

has also donated the Fair play trophy award which is currently held by Pymore.

**I** is for (Devon, Dorset, Somerset) Intermediate Cup. Lyme Regis have won the Dorset version six times since 1995 with Beaminster chipping-in with one triumph back in 1994.

The closest a current PSL team has come to winning the Devon Cup was back in 2003 when Farway United were beaten in the Final.

The Somerset Intermediate Cup is slightly different in as much as it's the Junior Cup's 'little brother'. Ilminster Town Reserves were the last PSL team to lift the trophy back in 2001-02.

**J** is for John Lukins. The much-respected reporter/historian and keeper of the PSL archives.

An ex-goalkeeper for, amongst others Merriott Rovers, John has been writing about the League for more than 50-years and was made a life-member back in the Summer – a person this writer has the upmost respect for.

**K** is for Kenny Hodges Cup. The current holders are FC First who beat Crewkerne Rangers 3-1 in last year's Final in, what appears to have been, their one and only season in the League.

**L** is for local-derby. Most clubs are contained within quite a small proximity but geographically and historically some of the more stand-out local clashes currently are; Crewkerne Town v Merriott Rovers, Ilminster Colts v Dowlish & Donyatt, Lyme Regis v Charmouth, Thorncombe v Winsham United and South Petherton v Barrington.



A GOOD START: Nick Eckland - leading Chinnocks to Premier?



PROLIFIC: Crewkerne Rangers' Simon Denslow, 25 goals already



LEADING THE WAY: Steve Mockeridge, 687 goals and counting!

**M** is for Mockeridge – the most prolific goal scorer still currently playing in the League. Steve, 51, is currently turning out for Combe B in Division four where he has scored twice this season to take his tally up to 687.

**N** is for no joy. Charmouth Reserves have gone 10 matches without a win. Meanwhile White Horse have gone 28 games with no clean sheet.

**O** is for Oxleaze home of West & Middle Chinnock. The Chinnocks returned to the League after an absence of more than 25 years when Haselbury disbanded on the eve of the 2007-08 season.

Immediate promotion and a place in Division One followed as manager Nick Eckland led his side to runners-up spot behind Champions Chard United.

The following season the Chinnocks consolidated their Division status finishing fourth and picked-up the Division One knock-out Cup in the process.

**P** is for prolific. Simon Denslow is the League's current top-scorer with 25 for Crewkerne Rangers. Denslow, the holder of the Golden Boot after bagging 44 goals last season, has also struck seven of the League's 74 hat-tricks.

The top individual performance so far has come from Beaminster's Tristan Gale who scored a magnificent seven in the 13-0 annihilation of Charmouth back in September.

**Q** is for quality. The League still runs it's senior and under 18 pick-of-the-League teams de-

spite disconcerting noises from many outposts of the three county League.

The Under 18s landed the Durnford Cup last season for the first time since 1966.

**R** is for regular. Ilminster Town Colts and Lyme Regis are the League's most regular goalscorers having found the net at least once in each of their last 30 matches.

**S** is for South Petherton. Pethy are the current kings of the Perry Street League having finished in the top three in each of the last five seasons – picking up three titles along the way. Beaminster and Lyme Regis are attempting to shift the balance of power back towards West Dorset.

**T** is for Tommy Tabberer Cup – a knock-out competition currently played for by Division Two teams. Tabberer was a talented Lyme Regis forward who was tragically killed in a bicycle accident in the early 60s.

The current cup holders are Perry Street Reserves who became only the third team to retain the 48-year-old trophy when they beat Uplyme 4-1 at the Davey Fort.

The Mothers' second string and Barrington jointly hold the record for most wins with three apiece.

**U** is for unbeaten. Farway United Reserves have not been beaten since May 13th – A run stretching back 11 matches.

**V** is for Jack Venn Cup. This trophy for Division Two teams is currently residing with Perry Street Reserves after they edged past Ilminster Town Colts 3-2 in last season's Cup

Final.

Overall top performers are Millway Rise who have lifted the 48-year-old trophy on five occasions, including three times in the last seven seasons.

**W** is for Waytown Hounds. The Hounds are the League's newest team having made the switch from Sunday League football.

The Netherbury-based team have already made a great start and are challenging for promotion to Division Three. In addition the new boys are in the Semi-Final of the Reg Egton Cup.

**X** is for ex-teams. FC First, Chard Town Colts are the latest additions to a list that includes amongst others; C&K Wadeford, North Coker, Seaton Town A, Chard Meat, Chaffcombe, Axmouth United and Upottery.

**Y** is for you! Every player has been on the wrong end of a hammering at some time during their playing careers.

The biggest in recent times was White Horse Reserves' 22-0 demolition of hapless Chard United Reserves back in 2004-05. The Chard team were also beaten 21-0 by Hawkchurch Reserves in the same season.

This term Charmouth hold the dubious record going down 13-0 to Beaminster.

**Z** is for zero – zero. There have been just two goal less draws so far this season (Forton Rangers v Farway United and Fivehead United v Combe A) – an average of one every 116 games!

## WEST DORSET FOOTBALLROUND-UP

HUTCH DENIES RIFT  
WITH CHAIRMAN  
OVER SIGNINGS

IAN Hutchinson has hit back at suggestions that three players were recently signed without his knowledge.

Rival local newspaper reports claimed the Terras manager knew nothing about the arrivals of loan duo Stephen Read and Scott Bennett, and non-contract signing, Pierre Joseph-Dubois, and had suggested that chairman George Rolles had brought the three players into the View From Stadium behind the manager's back.

But Hutchinson denies this, revealing that Bennett and Joseph-Dubois were his signings.

He said: "Scott and Pierre were both players I wanted and who I went and got. It has been said that I knew nothing about them coming in, but I did. They were my signings.

"It's true that I wasn't keen on bringing Stephen in and his arrival came about due to the chairman's contacts. I told Stephen the score right from the start but, to be fair to the lad, he's knuckled down and shown a great attitude.

"All three lads are good players and I'm pleased they have been added to the squad. Certainly they have all fitted in really well and I can see them playing a big part in our fight for survival."

Hutchinson's future at Weymouth had been in doubt over the Christmas period with rumours that former boss Garry Hall was about to take over.

However, clear the air talks with Rolles has resulted in the manager and his assistant Andy Mason, signing contracts until the end of the season.

"George and I have had a good chat", added Hutchinson. "And I'm pleased we have things sorted. At the end of the day we both want the same thing and that's the team staying up and moving forward beyond that.

"Things were said and rumours were flying, but it's all behind us now and George, Andy and I are all working towards the same goal."

The Terras entertain Chelmsford on Saturday with Hutchinson confident of continuing the decent run of form that has seen them climb to within five points of Conference South safety.

"The weather hasn't helped us in recent days", he admitted. "What with games off and there being no training facilities because of the ice. But the boys have still got in and so we have had sessions on the beach which has been a bit different.

"The attitude and spirit in the camp is amazing with everyone enjoying life and determined to keep the decent run going. It's about being together in this and that includes the players, directors and the supporters who have played such an important part.

"I keep saying it and will say it again. I am convinced we are good enough to get out of the relegation places and we're determined to prove just that. Chelmsford are going well and will be a tough side to play against. But these are the sort of teams we need to be beating if we're to achieve our target."

◆ WEYMOUTH'S fight against relegation from Blue Square South has been boosted by the extension of three loan signings.

The first to agree an extended stay at the View From Stadium was Jamie McGuinness.

The 19-year-old defender has made a big impression since joining from Rushden and Diamonds and boss Ian Hutchinson is delighted to have got the deal done.

The manager said: "Jamie has fitted in really well and has made a big difference to the side.

"Getting him for another month is a real coup and it bodes well as we go into what is a vital stage of the season with the fight against relegation on in force."

Also staying another month is Exeter City youngster Scott Bennett, who scored in the New Year's day win over Dorchester Town.

But, as the manager explained, the defender could

be recalled by the Grecians at any time.

Hutchinson explained: "We've got Scott for another month which is great. It looked like he'd be going back to Exeter but they have agreed he can stay.

"There is a clause in the deal that he can return with 24 hours notice but hopefully that won't happen."

One player who won't be going anywhere between now and the end of the season is Stephen Reed.

The ex-Terra is back at the club on loan from Macclesfield with the League Two club having sanctioned his stay until the end of the campaign.

"Stephen has been first class since coming back", added Hutchinson. "And so I'm really pleased he's staying. He's really fitted in well and has had got stuck in and is definitely up for the fight that we are faced with between now and the end of the season."

## COUTTS JOINS MAGPIES

FORMER Terras captain James Coutts has joined Dorchester Town on a non-contract basis.

Caretaker manager Ashley Vickers had tried to sign the midfielder earlier in the season after he returned from a five month spell in America, but despite their friendship he decided to join fellow Blue Square South rivals Newport County.

However despite playing several games for them the Welsh side who sit atop the league at present couldn't guarantee paying Coutts following a cut in the budget at Christmas, and he decided to leave.

"We are delighted that James has signed. We are great friends and I have been after him for a while. He is a proven Conference player and will add that little bit of quality and creativity that perhaps we have been lacking recently.

"He has signed non-contract terms at present and we will see how things go. He can get regular games and we will benefit from his experience. He has ambitions to play at a higher level and hopefully this will be a shop window to show what he can do and allow him to move on in the future. In the mean time both parties

benefit."

Coutts became Vickers sixth signing in his period as manager, and whilst he is in not under pressure to reduce his squad, Harry Montacute has gone out on a month's loan to Gillingham Town and Ollie Barnes to Clevedon Town.

Jamie Symes' proposed trial with Blackpool this week has been postponed due to the inclement weather. He will now travel to the Championship side on January 31<sup>st</sup> for a five day trial.

BEES HOPE TO GET  
BACK ON TRACK

WITH last night's rearranged game with Chard Town postponed, Bridport like every other club in the country is facing a backlog of games, although manager Trevor Senior is not too worried at the moment.

"It's not too horrific at the moment, we just want to get on and play a run of games," said Senior who must now prepare his side for their next fixture on Saturday away to Shepton Mallett who sit just one place and two points above the Bees.

The former Reading striker will be able to call upon the services of Darren Watts who was unavailable last week due to work commitments, and also Simon Evans.

Evans who left Weymouth and signed for Dorchester recently will be available to play for Bridport following agreement between both Senior and Magpies boss Ashley Vickers and Evans.

"Ashley has kindly agreed that Simon can play for us under dual registration unless he needs him. This is great for all parties as it means Simon is getting regular football."

The reserves are hopeful of playing their Dorset Senior Trophy match against Wincanton on Saturday. The second round tie has been postponed several times due to the weather and will take precedent over the league fixture providing the St Mary's pitch has thawed out.



# BRIDPORT SKITTLES

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, January 18th:  
**Mens Nominations Individuals - 1st Round (eight winners)**  
**Monday, January 18th - Tiger.**  
M. Powell, G. Brooks, S. Lee, H. Mills, A. Cauldwell, M. Horton, S. Pitcher, D. Cooper, M. Gurd, R. Pincombe, C. Willcox, C. Dare, L. Dare, C. Barnes.

**Ladies Pairs First Round (12 byes four winners)**  
**Monday, January 18th - Clock.**  
V. Cozens and A. Wiscombe, S. Hearl and J. Malcolm, S. Tompkins and J. Dawe, M. Hansford and S. Galpin, C. Taylor and J. Arnold, S. Blandford and J. Parsons, T.

Sadler and K. Johnson.

**Over 58s - First Round (eight winners each alley)**  
**Wednesday, January 20th - Bradpole Club.**  
D. Maunder, J. Scotton, D. Salter, T. Davis, A. Wiscombe, V. Cozens, A. Huxter, M. Bollen, G. Brown, B. Legg, N. Pye, J. Brooks, V. Burt, B. Lee, M. Crabb.

**Friday, January 22nd - King Charles.**  
S. Gale, M. Hansford, M. Chivers, P. Hansford, G. Legg, Joanna Scotton, C. Hopkins, S. Bull, B. Herbert, C. Langdon, P. Scott, F. Bowditch, G. Barnes, R. Tuck, B. Adams.

## WEYMOUTH CRICKET NEWS

# Kiwi Fallon in to help push for title

WEYMOUTH Cricket Club will be pinning their Dorset Premier Division hopes on a Kiwi this summer.

The club have confirmed that New Zealand all-rounder Andrew Fallon will be joining the club, subject to international clearance.

The deal has been done with the help of former Seasiders' overseas star Glen Dawson, who is now living and working back in his homeland.

New Weymouth captain Paul Payne explained: "Andrew is a first class, left arm, opening bowler. He's 28 and so has plenty of experience and bats in the middle order which is just what we need.

"We played against him when we toured New Zealand a couple of seasons ago and he's very talented. He's also a top lad off the park and so I think he's just what we need.

"Having a really good opening bowler at this level is a must. We have seen the merits of that at Weymouth with previous overseas players and hopefully Andrew will help give us that edge."

He added: "The contracts have been signed and Andrew is due over in good time for the start of the season in the spring. He just needs to get his clearance from the authorities but that should be a formality."

One player who may miss those early stages of the campaign is Payne himself.

The ex-Terras goalkeeper is recovering from surgery on his shoulder following a year of injury problems.

He explained: "I went in for the op last week and I think there was far more to do than the surgeon had first expected. There was damage to my tendons and cartilage and so I've had it all fixed, tidied up and repaired.

"Hopefully I'll be okay for the start of the season, but I will miss the warm up games and nets so it may take a few weeks before I'm fully match fit. I don't think I'll ever be able to throw or bowl like I used to, but hopefully this will be an end to the problem because the last year or so has been a nightmare."

With Poole providing Weymouth's opening day opposition in 2010, Payne said it was a case of 'hitting the ground running'.

He added: "Any game would have been tough but Poole is about as tough as it gets for a season's opener. They have been one of the best sides over the past 20 years and we'll really need to be switched on for this one.

"But in some ways playing them early will be an advantage. Certainly we'll quickly know how good we are and what will be needed to challenge this coming summer."

Weymouth begin their indoor training at Portland's Boscowan Centre on January 20th with a session between 6pm and 8pm.

All players old and new are welcome with training being taken by Seasiders' head coach, Sean Fitzgerald.

## BOB BUCKLER RACING

# Weather makes life difficult for the smaller yards

THE current weather is playing havoc with the whole of the country, and sport is no exception.

With no let up in the immediate future only those football and rugby clubs with enough resources are able to get games on.

Horse racing is particularly susceptible and Haydock Park recently had to abandon one of their prestigious fixtures just two hours before racing despite having spent £32,000 on covers for the course.

Some flat racing is taking place at all weather tracks and indeed Southwell is putting on a special fixture for national hunt flat races (bumpers) today,

In the meantime trainers have to try to keep their horses fit and well and whilst the bigger stables like Paul Nicholls at Ditcheat are able to invest in their own gritter to make a path to the all weather gallops, smaller yards like Bob Buckler's are not so lucky.

He uses Richard Barber's all weather track at Seaborough normally but this is 1 ½ miles from his yard at Henley.

"The lanes are too snowy and icy either to ride the horses there or even transport them; if the lorry were to slip off the road it could be disastrous," said Buckler.

"We use the walker and have made a track around the stables. We also occasionally get in the

fields where there is snow and we know the ground underneath is not cut up, but it's difficult!

"We also have to thaw the pipes around the yard to ensure running water."

With most of the yards bumper horses having raced just before the big freeze, Buckler is not too worried about races for them.

"Southwell would be tricky and possibly dangerous to get to, and anyway with 260 horses declared for the six races it's not certain you would get in.

"You would also want to be certain of having three runners definitely starting to make it economic to go."

## Rugby round-up

## with Keith Jenkin

# Bridport promotion bid on course

IT was an interesting, although not all that pleasant an experience, to stoke up the laptop, plug in to the R.F.U. website and watch both local and national league fixtures fall by the wayside as league games were postponed, owing to frozen pitches.

I did just that last Friday and, by the evening, all sides in my "patch" with the exception of Bridport seconds, who were due to play at Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew, had lost their games to the weather. This fixture was duly postponed on Saturday morning.

This dearth of rugby on which to comment made me scratch my head a little while seeking something about which to write, and I finally decided to publish the current league tables, together with comments that would be, hopefully, pertinent to the chances of the local clubs involved.

While of course recognising their importance, I do not make many references to league tables and positions as a rule, preferring to comment on how well or badly a side is playing. I do find it interesting though to look at league tables at about the season's halfway stage and to try to assess the local participant's chances.

### SOUTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE (SOUTH)

|                        | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Frome.....             | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1  | 378 | 136 | 22  |
| North Dorset.....      | 11 | 10 | 0 | 1  | 382 | 85  | 20  |
| Wimborne.....          | 11 | 8  | 0 | 3  | 323 | 155 | 16  |
| DORCHESTER.....        | 12 | 8  | 0 | 4  | 360 | 225 | 16  |
| Sherborne.....         | 11 | 7  | 0 | 4  | 284 | 154 | 14  |
| Corsham.....           | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3  | 270 | 242 | 14  |
| Tadley.....            | 11 | 5  | 0 | 6  | 291 | 237 | 10  |
| Devizes.....           | 12 | 4  | 0 | 8  | 241 | 280 | 8   |
| Oldfield Old Boys..... | 12 | 3  | 0 | 9  | 164 | 359 | 6   |
| Minety.....            | 11 | 3  | 0 | 8  | 118 | 374 | 6   |
| Ivel Barbarians.....   | 12 | 2  | 0 | 10 | 182 | 456 | 4   |
| Bradford-on-Avon.....  | 11 | 0  | 0 | 11 | 76  | 366 | 0   |

THERE is no doubt about the fact that the DORCHESTER club have the local bragging rights as far as rugby is concerned. Newly promoted into the Southern Counties Division (South) though they were at the end of last season, they proceeded to win their first-half dozen games and get a start to their campaign that most would play for, heading the division around the end of October.

Since then they have been beaten by one or two of the most fancied sides, such as North Dorset and leaders Frome, but they still lie in a very creditable fourth place. I think that they will go on from here to complete a most satisfactory season, while not figuring overmuch in the promotion race.

### DORSET & WILTS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (SOUTH)

|                      | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| BRIDPORT.....        | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2  | 341 | 90  | 20  |
| North Dorset II..... | 11 | 8  | 0 | 3  | 251 | 128 | 16  |
| Warminster.....      | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3  | 227 | 145 | 14  |
| Oakmedians II.....   | 11 | 7  | 0 | 4  | 253 | 172 | 14  |
| WEYMOUTH.....        | 10 | 6  | 0 | 4  | 177 | 101 | 12  |
| Swanage & W II.....  | 12 | 6  | 0 | 6  | 208 | 178 | 12  |
| Blandford.....       | 12 | 6  | 0 | 6  | 234 | 257 | 12  |
| Frome II.....        | 11 | 6  | 0 | 5  | 153 | 143 | 10  |
| Wimborne II.....     | 12 | 4  | 1 | 7  | 172 | 216 | 9   |
| Westbury.....        | 11 | 4  | 1 | 6  | 155 | 282 | 9   |
| Puddletown.....      | 11 | 1  | 0 | 10 | 58  | 351 | 2   |
| Salisbury II.....    | 11 | 1  | 0 | 10 | 81  | 247 | -2  |

ALTHOUGH the BRIDPORT first side top the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South), their camp would not be without its frustrations for they have lost two games that they really should have won.

I watched their match against Warminster where their naivety shone through as they ignored their vastly superior back division, preferring to play the game close to the fringes, an area where their opponents were strong.

I was spared the game at bottom side, Salisbury seconds, where they handed their opponents what was their only win of the season so far. Having said that, I do think that they will gain promotion if they use their very good back division and move the ball away from the point of contact as quickly and as often as possible.

WEYMOUTH are the other local side in the division and are something of an enigma. On the occasions I have watched them, they appear to have the makings of a very useful side, with some pace out wide, a reliable goal kicker and a pack who will win possession.

Subsequent results have not borne out this thought however, and they lie in mid table as a consequence. I think that, for this season anyway, they will, while not getting into a position where they can challenge for promotion themselves, prove capable of upsetting the apple carts of one or two aspiring candidates.

### SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

**NATIONAL HUNT RACING:** EXETER, whose attendances have been hit harder than most by bad weather this season, is offering admission discounts for the first time, at two meetings next month, on Wednesday 3rd and Sunday 14th, and on March 9th, 23rd and 31st.

Tickets must be bought in advance through the hotline 0844 579 3005. There is a very special offer for the Valentine's day fixture, which coincides with a blank weekend for point-to-point racing in Devon and Cornwall.

Two grandstand and paddock tick-

ets cost £10. Call the hotline and quote 'eval' to book.

**FOOTBALL:** WEYMOUTH'S Jake Bryan had the thrill of his life during a family visit to Sheffield recently when the 14-year-old from Westham met his footballing hero Ryan Giggs and a host of other sports stars. Jake, a big Manchester United supporter, caught up with his hero outside the Sheffield Arena which played host to the BBC Sports Personality of the Year show.

Aside from Giggs, he also met cyclist Mark Cavendish, cricketer An-

drew Flintoff, Formula 1 world Champion Jenson Button and presenter and ex-tennis player, Sue Barker.

Jake explained: "I was up visiting relatives with my family, and my cousins and I went down to the centre before the show started.

"We saw all sorts of stars going in and it was amazing. Meeting Ryan Giggs was great. He was really friendly and it was fantastic that he actually won the award, but everyone who went in was great. They stopped and chatted, signed autographs and spent time saying hello to people."

### DORSET & WILTS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (SOUTH)

|                          | P  | W  | D | L  | F   | A   | Pts |
|--------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sherborne II.....        | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1  | 494 | 84  | 22  |
| North Dorset III.....    | 12 | 9  | 1 | 2  | 200 | 85  | 19  |
| Bournemouth II.....      | 12 | 9  | 0 | 3  | 413 | 133 | 18  |
| BRIDPORT II.....         | 12 | 8  | 0 | 4  | 307 | 217 | 16  |
| Ell'ham & Ringwood.....  | 11 | 8  | 0 | 3  | 259 | 186 | 16  |
| South Wilts.....         | 12 | 6  | 1 | 5  | 251 | 277 | 13  |
| Fordingbridge II.....    | 12 | 5  | 1 | 6  | 187 | 205 | 11  |
| DORCHESTER II.....       | 11 | 5  | 0 | 6  | 120 | 188 | 10  |
| Swanage & W III.....     | 12 | 3  | 1 | 8  | 90  | 229 | 5   |
| Wheatsheaf Cab Cr.....   | 11 | 2  | 0 | 9  | 106 | 319 | 4   |
| Salisbury III.....       | 12 | 2  | 0 | 10 | 134 | 307 | 0   |
| Lytchett Minster II..... | 11 | 0  | 0 | 11 | 95  | 426 | -4  |

BOTH the Dorchester and Bridport second sides compete in the Dorset & Wilts League Division Two (South) and, while the former is a workmanlike outfit that resides in the mid-table and one who will give anyone a game, the latter, although currently a couple of places above its local rivals, has disappointed rather.

It has, only occasionally played the quality rugby that is regularly showed last season and, on occasion, individual commitment has been lacking.

### DORSET & WILTS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (SOUTH)

|                      | P  | W  | D | L | F   | A   | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| East Dorset.....     | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 354 | 39  | 20  |
| Poole.....           | 10 | 7  | 1 | 2 | 203 | 106 | 15  |
| North Dorset IV..... | 10 | 7  | 0 | 3 | 184 | 191 | 14  |
| Bournemouth IV.....  | 10 | 5  | 0 | 5 | 281 | 184 | 10  |
| Wincanton.....       | 10 | 4  | 1 | 5 | 215 | 216 | 9   |
| Oakmedians III.....  | 10 | 5  | 0 | 5 | 218 | 118 | 8   |
| WEYMOUTH II.....     | 10 | 4  | 0 | 6 | 145 | 204 | 8   |
| Blandford II.....    | 10 | 2  | 0 | 8 | 122 | 261 | 4   |
| Wimborne III.....    | 9  | 3  | 0 | 6 | 97  | 170 | 2   |
| Swanage & W IV.....  | 9  | 1  | 0 | 8 | 87  | 417 | 2   |

THE Weymouth second side occupy a place in the lower half of this league and give every appearance of enjoying their rugby, which is as it should be.

### PREVIEW

Weather permitting, the league programme will resume on Saturday next. BRIDPORT entertain PUDDLETOWN, a side from the lower reaches of their division and, although these opponents will most certainly come and "have a good go", I do not foresee anything other than a very comfortable home win.

It will be a rather different story for DORCHESTER however for they travel to near neighbours SHERBORNE. Dorchester did come out on top against this opposition earlier in the season, but it was not by much and they will have to be at their best if they are to win the return. I think they might just do so, but it will be close.

WEYMOUTH too have a tricky afternoon in prospect, for they visit OAKMEDIANS 2nd who, although they were promoted at last season's end, have made quite a mark in the league this term. I think home advantage will tell in this one.

I think that both the Bridport and Weymouth second sides face rather drab afternoons. The former will certainly have its hands full at Fordingbridge seconds, as with the latter when it entertains the Oakmedians third side.

Dorchester seconds will have an easier task at home to Swanage & Wareham thirds.

### FIXTURES 16th January - Bridport v Puddletown (home);

Bridport 2nd v Fordingbridge 2nd (away); Chard v Bristol Harlequins (home); Chard 2 v Spare Week; Chard 3rd v Wellington 3rd (home); Chard Colts v North Petherton (away); Crewkerne v Martock (away); Dorchester v Sherborne (away); Dorchester 2nd v Swanage & Wareham 3rd (home); Honiton v Wessex (away); Honiton 2nd v Torquay 3rd (away); Honiton Colts v Wadebridge (home); Sidmouth v Paignton (home); Sidmouth 2nd v Paignton 2nd (away); Sidmouth 3rd v Exmouth 3rd (home); Sidmouth Colts v Exmouth Colts (home); Weymouth v Oakmedians 2nd (away); Weymouth 2nd v Oakmedians 3rd (home).



# WEST DORSET 2009 SPORTS REVIEW

Another exciting year of sport in West Dorset brought joy and disappointment for competitors. *STUART BROOM* and *HOWARD LARCOMBE* review some of the highlights.

JANUARY



◆ **SUPERB:** A brilliant run by Annabelle Arnold was the highlight of the West Dorset Area Primary School's Race held at The Sir John Colfox School. Annie from St Mary's Thorncombe covered the one mile course in 9 minutes 54 seconds to win the girls race by over 30 seconds..

FEBRUARY



◆ **SNOW BOUND:** Snow interrupted the sporting calendar in February. Dorchester Town continued to train at the Jewson Stadium under new manager Brian O'Donnell.

JUNE



◆ **RECORDS BROKEN:** On a day that heralded the first house mascot race, four track records were broken at The Sir John Colfox School sports day.



◆ **TAGGED:** Over 240 primary school pupils, both boys and girls competed in the Inter-schools 2009 South West Tag Festival qualifier held at Bridport Rugby Football Club. The action shows the battle of the St Mary's schools - Beaminster against Bridport.

MARCH



APRIL

◆ **SUCCESS FOR BUCKLER:** Bob Buckler landed the biggest win of his career when Niche Market won the Powers Whiskey Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse on Easter Monday.

MAY



◆ **DIAMOND GEEZERS:** Two of the original Netherbury Football Club members helped players and officials from across the decades celebrate the club's diamond anniversary.



AUGUST

◆ **THE BIG KICK-OFF:** Bridport Football Club prepare for the new season with new manager Trevor Senior at the helm.



## SEPTEMBER



◆ **CHAMPIONS:** Dorchester 3rd's captain Pete Tucker pops the bubbly as his team celebrate winning the Division Seven title. They went through the season undefeated having been promoted the previous year.

## OCTOBER



◆ **ON THE UP:** After being relegated the season before, Beaminster Ladies Hockey team (pictured left) finally found their form, although here they had a narrow squeak in this victory over opponents Yeovil 2nds.

◆ **CORONATION CUP KINGS:** Lyme Regis marked their 125th anniversary season by winning the Coronation Cup for the seventh time.

The Seaside shocked opponents South Petherton by storming to a 4-0 half-time lead in Boxing Day's final at Combe St Nicholas' Slades Cross Ground.

Petherton had no answer and the second-half ended goal less to give Robin Townsend (pictured back row, extreme left) his first trophy as Lyme manager. Mascot at the front is Owen Clifton.



## DECEMBER

## JULY



◆ **JEDD PROPELLED:** Uplyme & Lyme Regis' wicket-keeper batsman Jedd Whittington cuts powerfully for four in the home match with Lewdown. The club's first XI had a tough season in the East Devon D Division - managing to avoid relegation on the last day of the season.

## NOVEMBER



◆ **ON GUARD:** Allan Jay MBE presents Ladies Champion Rosie Dakar with her trophy watched by runner-up Ellie Madden (left) and third placed Judy Clarke following West Dorset Fencing Club's first championships.

## West Dorset Swimming

CELEBRITY TV chef Lesley Waters was just one of the VIPs attending West Dorset Swimming Club's last event of the season, their Christmas Open Meet at Bridport, where, as the club's President, she presented the awards to winning swimmers, including a gold to her own daughter nine-year-old Scout Macpherson for the 50m backstroke.

More swimmers than ever before took part in the annual competition with clubs coming from all over the region; visitors included Bridport Barracudas, Dawlish Swimming Club, Millfield SC, Street and District SC, Tornadoes of South Dorset, Ilminster SC and Chard SC.

The competition was declared a resounding success by all with West Dorset taking home a magnificent tally of 73 medals including 14 golds.

The Warriors were delighted to welcome back the Mayor of Bridport Cllr Martin Ray and the Mayoress Cllr Mrs Maggie Ray who formally opened proceedings, while West Dorset District Councillor David Barrett also helped with the presentations.

The accolade of Top Warrior went to 11 year old Harrison Yarnold, who swam an impressive eight events in the competition. The youngster displayed a high standard across the board finishing in the top six in all of his swims.

Yarnold found himself on the top of the podium for the 100m freestyle and finished second in the 100m backstroke, 100m Individual Medley and the 50m freestyle

with a third place in the 100m butterfly and 50m backstroke.

Janet Hewitt, head coach of the Dorchester-based outfit commented: "Harrison earned his award as he showed such great consistency across a range of events. He was in a highly competitive field as we had a lot of entries in his age group - I'm very pleased with him."

Meanwhile 14-year-old Frankie Taylor was top female Warrior despite being bottom of her age group.

Taylor swam six events, gaining five seconds and one third place, whilst in the 16-years and over category, Lauren Podger and Keziah Element earned their club a huge amount of points with Podger capturing three firsts and a second, while Element touched first in the 100m backstroke and gained four further top three places.

It was a success story for the older boys too as 16-year-old Jordan Trewartha put on an excellent display finishing first in the 100m butterfly and capturing five further second places. Team mate Peter Thornton, 13, chalked up four straight wins in the butterfly and freestyle events.

For the younger boys there was also a high success rate with nine-year-old William Blackledge proudly winning two seconds and a third place.

Best Boy and Best Girl awards went to brother and sister Tommy Francis and Tarina Francis, both of Chard Swimming Club.

Hewitt added: "I'm delighted with all my swimmers - they did West Dorset proud."

She thanked all the parents who helped organise and run the meet as well as the volunteer officials. Hewitt continued: "The Christmas Open Meet is our principal fundraising event of the year and we've had magnificent support."

"We're lucky that we managed to raise more than we dared hoped for; we'll be ploughing around half of what we raised into equipment for the new pool being built in Dorchester."

"Because the Warriors have committed to raising money for the benefit of the whole community, people are supporting us even though we're in a difficult economic climate."

The club is especially grateful to our loyal sponsors who include Waitrose, Humphries Kirk, The Celtic Kitchen, Dorset Cereals, Sportsgear, Words Etc, The Horse with the Red Umbrella, Cerijan, The Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre, the Dorset County Museum, Ernest G Hart, Beaux Cheveux, Goulds, Great Western Camping and Naturalife. We also had some great sponsorship from Weymouth including from W H Smith, The Crystal Shop, The Bag Shop, the Pound Shop and Asda."

West Dorset swimmers are now training hard for the Dorset County Championships in February.





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# TOUGH START FOR WEYMOUTH AT POOLE

WEYMOUTH face stiff opposition in their opening match of the 2010 Dorset League cricket season.

The Seasideers face Poole Town who were runners-up in last years Premier Division at Redlands when the season gets under way on May 1st. They follow this with an away fixture at Wimborne & Colehill the following week.

Dorchester travel to Blandford on the opening day but then host Broadstone, who finished just above the county town in third place last season.

Weymouth 2nd's face a tough start after promotion to Division 1 last season. They start with a trip to Shroton before hosting last year's runners-up Bournemouth.

Meanwhile Beaminster who are desperately short of players for the coming season following a torrid time in the lower reaches last campaign welcome Suttoners to the Memorial Playing Fields on the opening day. Their visitors were relegated from the Premier Division last year so will provide tough opposition. It gets no better the following week when they travel to Sherborne, a notoriously competitive side.

Following relegation, Dorchester 2nds start life in Division Two with a home match against Blandford 2nds before travelling to Hamworthy Recreation.

Martinstown pipped Cattistock for the Division Four title in the last game of the season, and the two clash in Division Three in their second match of this campaign on May 8th in North Dorset.

**BY STUART BROOM**

The previous week Martinstown host Parley 2nds whilst Cattistock visit Cerne Valley who were relegated along with Bridport who open with a match against Suttoners 2nds at the Brewery Field.

They then travel to Portland RT who begin with a match at Pavilion Sports.

Beaminster 2nds who managed to maintain their Division Four status, visit Stalbridge 2nds before hosting Poole Town 3rds.

Meanwhile Weymouth 3rds are home to Marnhull 2nds on May 1st followed by a trip to promoted Broadstone 4th's.

Dorchester 3rds who went undefeated last season in winning back to back promotions host Branksome 2nds at Charlton Down before travelling to Sturminster Marshall.

Bridport 2nds who were promoted with them begin life in Division 6 at relegated Wareham then entertain Blandford 3rd's.

Abbotsbury host Weymouth Longshots followed by the long trip to Christchurch 2nds.

Newly formed Martinstown 2nds have no fixture for the first two weeks in Division 8 but Portland RT 2nds host relegated Gillingham before travelling to new side

Stalbridge 3rds.

In the Longhams Sunday League Division Four champions Weymouth start Division Three with a trip to Mudeford before entertaining Iwerne & Fontmell.

Symene host promoted Charlton Down on the opening day May 2nd and then welcome Lytchett Minster to Symondsburry the following week, whilst Portland RT 2nds entertain Winton Sports 2nds before travelling to promoted Puddletown the following week.

**◆ Beaminster skipper Ross Baker has put out a call for more players. Both Beaminster sides suffered from a lack of consistency last season due to unavailability of a number of players and Baker is looking for cricketers who can play on a regular basis.**

**"We could fill the two teams easily with the players that are signed on, but for a variety of reasons many were not able to play regularly.**

**Unfortunately, being so far west of the county we are at a disadvantage geographically, whereas most of our games are in the east in the Poole or Bournemouth area and so some find it difficult to make the long journey."**

**The club start nets at Beaminster School next Tuesday (19th) starting at 7pm and would welcome any new players. They should either turn up at nets or can contact Ross on 0781389762.**



**◆ NO JOE: Bridport will miss the guile of Joe Ashton when they embark on their 2010 campaign. The spinner was forced to retire through injury last season**

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